

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 600

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to commend Lea Ester Redmond-Terrell for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee and Shelby County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Lea Ester Redmond-Terrell, the first African-American woman to serve as Director of Community and Legislative Affairs with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, is one such estimable person who should be recognized in honor of Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, a native of Oxford, Mississippi, Lea Ester Redmond-Terrell is the youngest of fourteen siblings; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Redmond-Terrell received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Mississippi, a second Bachelor of Business Administration degree from LeMoyne-Owen College, a Master of Science in Administration with a concentration in Human Resources from Central Michigan University, and a Master of Public Administration from Strayer University; and

WHEREAS, in her role as Director of Community and Legislative Affairs, Ms. Redmond-Terrell advocates and promotes community and legislative affairs locally and within the sheriff's office. She also develops and maintains youth services initiatives and implements programs designed to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments include the orchestration of partnerships between the Shelby County Sheriff's Office and various nonprofit organizations, such as Shelby Youth Sports, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Mediation and Restitution Reconciliation

Services, Pink Eagles, Open Arms Care, the American Cancer Society, the "Man of the House" Mentoring Program, and the April 4<sup>th</sup> Foundation; and

WHEREAS, she has also organized several fundraisers, enabling the Shelby County Sheriff's Office to donate more than \$40,000 to nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, she has worked closely with state legislators and the Tennessee Sheriffs' Association on behalf of the citizens of Shelby County, and in 2014, she was selected by the *Tri-State Defender* as one of the "Fifty Women of Excellence"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Redmond-Terrell's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Lea Ester Redmond-Terrell is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Lea Ester Redmond-Terrell for her sterling public service as Director of Community and Legislative Affairs with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, and we extend our best wishes for her every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.